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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Entry and consideration of the following amendment and remarks prior to examination are respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims.

--22. The protein according to claim 4 wherein said protein has a molecular weight of 41K or 38K as shown in Figure 4.

23. The protein according to claim 9 wherein said protein has a molecular weight of 41K or 38K as shown in Figure 4.—